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Claims 1 to 55 are pending. Claims 10 to 15, 20 to 26 and 33 to 37 are cancelled and claims 1 to 9 and 16 to 19 are withdrawn. Claims 38 to 55 are new.

No claims are allowed.

1. The Examiner indicates that the present application contains claims directed to the following inventions: claims 1 to 9 drawn to an electrochemical cell comprising a cathode comprising a metal, metal oxide, a metal sulfide, a carbonaceous material (Invention I), claims 10 to 15 drawn to an electrochemical cell comprising a cathode active material contacted to a titanium current collector consisting essentially of titanium oxide (Invention II), claims 16 to 19 drawn to an electrode comprising silver vanadium oxide, manganese oxide (Invention III), claims 20 to 26 drawn to an electrode comprising a titanium current collector provided with an outer layer consisting essentially of titanium oxide (Invention IV), claims 27 to 32 drawn to a method for constructing an electrochemical cell by providing a titanium current collector and oxidizing the titanium current collector (Invention V) and claims 33 to 37 drawn to a method for constructing an electrochemical cell by subjecting the titanium current collector to an electrolytic bath (Invention VI).

The applicants elect to prosecute Invention V set forth in method claims 27 to 32 and to cancel claims 10 to 15 (Invention II), claims 20 to 26 (Invention IV) and claims 33 to 37 (Invention VI). With the canceling of these claims, the Applicants believe they have removed the basis for restriction of

claims 1 to 9 (Invention I) and claims 16 to 19 (Invention III).

Amended independent claim 27 is directed to a method for making an electrochemical cell comprising a titanium current collector having an oxide outer layer contacted by an electrode active material. Logically then, withdrawn claims 16 to 19 are directed to an electrode of the type that is useful in the process or method of making a cell covered by claims 27 to 32 while claims 1 to 9 are directed to the cell so made. It is believed that the close relationship between elected method claims 27 to 32, the component electrode (claims 16 to 19) and completed cell (claims 1 to 9) constitute subject matter that should be easily searched by the examiner without causing her any undue burden.

Accordingly, it is requested that withdrawn claims 1 to 9 and 16 to 19 be examined in conjunction with elected claims 27 to 32.

2. New claims 46 to 49 are directed to an electrode comprising a specific one of the electrode active materials set forth in dependent electrode claim 19. Likewise, new claims 43 to 45 are directed a cell comprising the electrode of claims 46 to 49. New method claims 50 to 55 are directed to a method for producing a cell of the type set forth in claims 43 to 45 according to the Applicants' invention.

3. The specification has been amended to include various electrode active materials that are useful with the applicants' claimed invention. Support for this amendment is found in originally filed claims 4, 19 and 31. No new matter is added.

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A substantive examination on the merits of the claims is requested at an early date.

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